

HANDHELD COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH AN
ALTERNATIVE NETWORK LINK UPON FAILING TO ESTABLISH A REQUESTED
NETWORK LINK

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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A computer system that attempts to establish an alternative network link upon failing to establish a requested network link is described. The computer system may encounter conditions where access to numerous networks, in particular wireless networks, is not available. Rather than only providing an error message to the user upon a failed attempt to establish the requested network link, the computer system determines whether the user has designated an alternative network link in case the requested network link cannot be established, whereas the alternative network link is selected from the plurality of network links that the computer system is configured to support. If an alternative network link has been designated, the computer system attempts to establish the alternative network link. Hence, the user experience is made smooth and uneventful when the requested network link cannot be established.

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